

# Torrance Hospital Adds New Intensive Care Unit

There wasn't any formal opening — they just began taking care of critically ill patients in the new Intensive Care Unit at Torrance Memorial Hospital as soon as the carpenters and plumbers and electricians finished their work and the housekeeping department made a final cleaning and made up the beds.

It's been in constant use ever since — a three bed marvel of the Age of Medical Miracles.

According to Leonard Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, the new unit is another step in the hospital's program of progressive care.

**WE KNOW** that the patient who is ill in the hospital needs a lot more care and attention and expensive equipment than the patient who is convalescing from an illness. And we know that the patient who is critically ill needs an even greater concentration of trained personnel and specialized equipment, so that we feel there is a need for a minimum of three levels of care in a hospital today—the Intensive Care Unit, the Acute Unit, and the Convalescent Unit," he explained.

"Now with the addition of the Intensive Care Unit at Torrance Memorial Hospital, we have two of the three levels — that and the Acute Unit. Next will be the Convalescent Unit. The doctor determines the unit to which the patient is assigned.

While a highly specialized and automated Intensive Care Unit will be included in the new Torrance Memorial Hospital which is in the preliminary planning stages, hospital officials recognized that the need for such a unit would not wait.

**THE INTENSIVE** Care Unit, with Miss Agnes Rohs, R. N., as Head Nurse, is provided to give constant and intensive care to the critically ill patients.

The three-bed unit has specially trained registered nurses and one licensed vocational nurse in attendance around the clock, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so that the patient in this unit does not have the additional expense of a private duty nurse which would otherwise be mandatory for those patients admitted here. While the rate is higher than the Acute Care Unit, the patient

still has a net saving of \$24 a day.

In addition to the high level and quantity of nursing care, a tremendous amount of highly sensitive and expensive equipment is maintained in the unit at all times for any emergency or for regular patient care.

**INCLUDED** is a cardiograph which provides a constant visual reading of the action of a patient's heart and which can provide a printed record of the heart action at the same time.

There is a telethermometer which is a device to provide a constant reading of the patient's temperature so any change is noticed immediately as well as units that show any change in the patient's pulse rate.

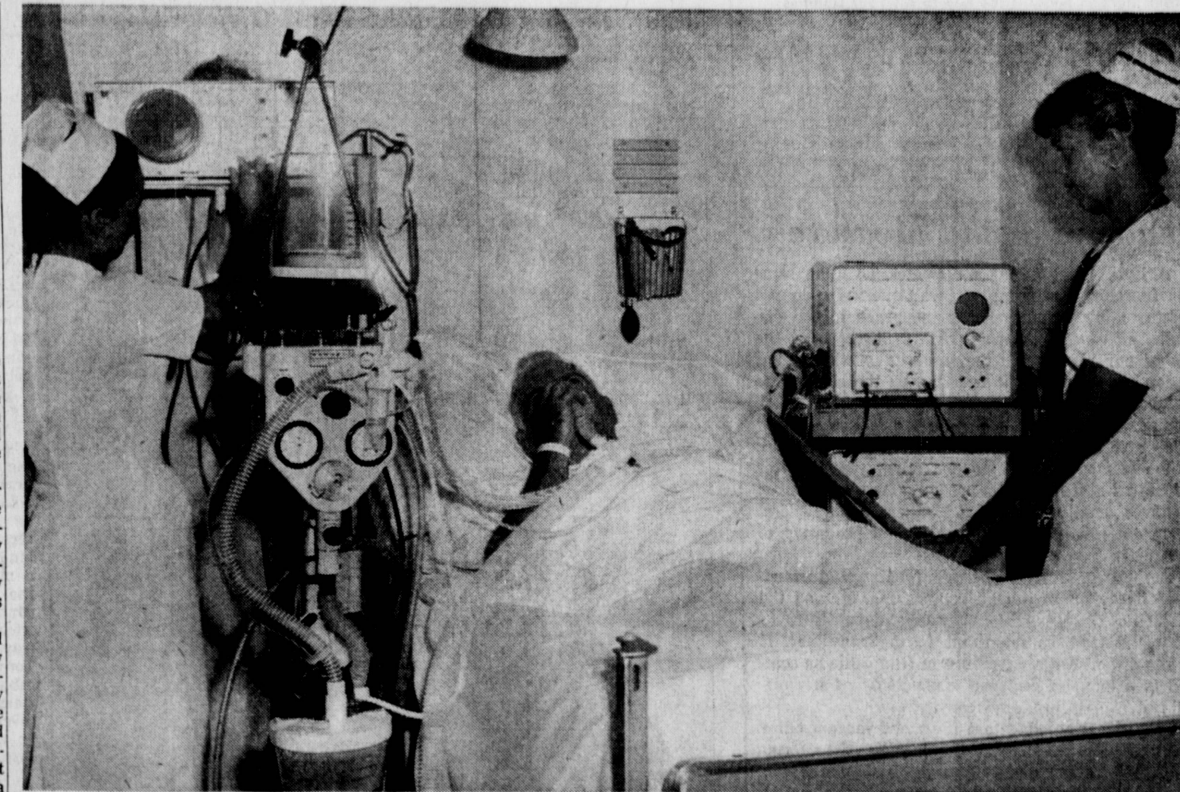
A Pacemaker is connected to the patient externally through the means of electrodes or internally directly through a catheter into the heart, and it is so adjusted that if the heart beat falls below a minimum rate set, it will electrically provide a stimulus to keep the heart at the minimum beat per minute and if the heart should fail it can keep the heart beating through this electrical stimulation.

A **DEFIBRILLATOR** is used to provide massive electrical stimulus to the heart from external electrodes in those cases where the normal rhythm of the heart beat has been disrupted. If the normal beat is not restored the heart begins to twitch erratically or fibrillate and within seconds a complete failure of the heart will result. The defibrillator will remedy this condition.

A Bennett Positive Pressure unit is used to expand the lungs under pressure as either an assist to the patient's breathing, or to completely take over the breathing function if necessary. It includes a Spirometer to measure the intake and output of air in the lungs and a cascade humidifier which through constant humidification of the air breathed by the patient, increases the effectiveness and absorption of medication when given in conjunction with the unit.

A special extending light is installed at the head of each bed and a sphygmomanometer bracket is permanently installed also, for each patient for blood pressure readings.

**NEW OFFICERS**  
Donald Gardner, a West High senior, has been elected president of the Chieftains, West High service club, for 1966-67. Other officers are Ron Heideman, vice president; Wayne Sabo, secretary-treasurer; and Jerry Pretorius, Inter-Club Council representative.



**NEW UNIT . . .** Use of the newly installed Intensive Care Unit at Torrance Memorial Hospital is demonstrated here. The three-bed unit will provide constant care for patients who might ordinarily

need constant supervision by private nurses at rates which are about \$24 per day less.

## Burglary Prevention Week

### Precautions Could Put Burglars Out of Work

This week is being observed throughout the nation as "National Burglary Prevention Week," Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess reminded residents today.

Police agencies across the nation have selected the week

to emphasize the seriousness of this crime, Pitchess said, and to suggest ways in which the public can help local law enforcement officers by observing some simple prevention practices.

During the summer months, Pitchess said, the following procedures can help to thwart burglars:

- Notify your local police department and a reliable neighbor or friend when you leave, telling them where you can be reached in an emergency and when you expect to return.

- Be sure to discontinue milk and newspaper deliveries in your absence and arrange to have your mail picked up or stopped.
- Burn a light during the hours of darkness.
- Install and use quality locks on all doors and safety catches on all windows.

Surprisingly, few people realize that burglaries account for nearly half the major crimes in the nation, Pitchess said. A burglary occurs every 28 seconds, day and night, throughout the year. During 1964, there were 1.1 million burglaries committed in the United States, resulting in a loss of about \$248 million.

"Exercising a few precautions can substantially reduce this crime in our community," Pitchess said. "An informed citizenry, cooperating wholeheartedly with local law enforcement agencies, can successfully put the burglar out of business."

## Boy Cited For Poster In Contest

A first-grade student from Crenshaw Elementary School has been awarded a certificate of commendation for his entry in the 22nd American Automobile Association school traffic safety poster contest.

Designed by Wil Lattimer, student of Mrs. Madeleine Woehlcke, the poster was one of 100 selected from throughout the Southland by the Automobile Club of Southern California. Entrants ranged from first through twelfth grade.

Presentation of the certificate was made by S. Dean Spence, district safety consultant of the club's Long Beach office, during a school assembly. A certificate of appreciation was awarded to Mrs. Woehlcke.

Wil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lattimer of 3423 W. 190th St.



**SPACE STUDIES . . .** Nancy Griffith, a first grade student at Meadow Park Elementary School, gets a new dimension in space studies as she dons a helmet for a flight to Mars. The class, taught by Miss Syra Gold, took a mock trip to Mars as part of their study of space. Students also prepared individual work folders featuring art work about space science. The "control panel" is one of the projects which Nancy included in her folder.

## COUNT MARCO

### Now Is That Filth, My Dears?

I wish you could see the number of mothers who not only shirk their duties but deprive their teenage daughters of an opportunity to learn the facts of marriage through my column.

Many mothers write, either to me or to my editors, whining: "I clipped my column out of the paper today so my teenage daughters wouldn't be exposed to his disgusting filth."

Poor, misguided, lazy, and foolish mothers. Why can't they be appreciative of what I am doing for them? Besides, I defy any one of them to prove that anything I have written can ever be construed as filth. It is they who make it appear that way. Like looking into a mirror: You see yourself.

As that other great sage, Confucius, might have said, "If she's old enough to understand what I write, she is certainly old enough to read it."

Observe what one teenage girl thinks about my column: "I am 16 years old and not married. I don't care if married women don't listen to you; I do, and you have helped me tremendously. Reading your column is showing me how to prevent problems before they happen, which could otherwise, perhaps, lead eventually to divorce."

"Until February of this year," she continues, "I would say I was a typical teenager, and juvenile delinquent."

Sad, isn't it, that she thinks the typical teenager is a delinquent? I am happy to disagree. But back to her letter. She says, "I met a young man, 21 years old. He inspired me to put to use the things you write about."

"Since then, I am proud to say, I have completely changed. Between you and him, I am learning life isn't just a bowl of cherries and that you have to work to find happiness, no matter what age."

"After I met him I realized that if I planned to win him I'd have to change clothes looser, make-up limited, no rats or hairspray, and at least one bath a day."

"He and I speak of marriage from time to time, but we both agree we each have much to learn before that. To prepare myself, I clean his apartment every week, down to scrubbing and waxing floors. I wash his clothes and iron them. I wanted to get experience and I am getting it. With my mother's consent, I cook for him three times a week."

"My old friends think I'm nuts and say that he might

take advantage of me, but I know better. Once I even heard someone say I was a slave! But his friends always ask if there are any more like me around. When I do get married, and if to him, I'll know what I'm in for, concerning work, and I'm all for it."

"Well, I thought perhaps this would interest you, and I wanted to show someone important that not all teenagers are too bad, dumb, or lazy. I'm taking advantage of all you say. Thank you."

I certainly don't recommend that every girl play housekeeper for a man, but I do think the principle is good, that every girl learn what is required of marriage by being asked, nay, ordered to do a woman's work around the house.

No mother can perform a better service for her daughter as soon as she comes into her teen years than to make an adult assessment of her and consider, "Can she do what I must do every day?" To try to teach her when she announces her engagement is too late.

As my dear aunt the Contessa says, "The time to prepare a daughter for marriage begins the day she is born." Is that filth, my dears?

## Joslyn Center Sets Summer Art Classes

Classes for all age groups will be offered during the summer at the Torrance Recreation Department's Joslyn Recreation Center.

Two fine arts classes are scheduled for children 6 to 12 years of age. They include a junior artist class and a junior craftsman class.

A "College or Arts" class for youngsters 6 to 13 will include modern dance, art,

## Day Camp To Feature Daily Film

Educational films will be featured during a 10-week day camp to be held at the Gardena Christian School, 1473 W. 182nd St., which opened Monday. The films, covering such subjects as science, nature, travel, and history, will be shown each day when field trips are not scheduled.

The day camp program is open to children between 4½ and 12 years of age. Hours for the program are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

music, and drama. The class will meet at four supervised parks in the city throughout the summer.

Other classes to be offered include a junior cooks class for children 9 to 13 which is co-sponsored by the Southern California Edison Co. and classes in modern dance, instrumental music, and choreography.

Three special classes—fine arts, folk guitar class, and modern dance choreography will be held for teenagers. The programs will be conducted on Saturdays, when the Joslyn Center is reserved for teenagers.

New adult activities include a theater bus trip to see "Brigadoon," a film and lecture series on "Adventures Beneath the Sea and in the Air," and a summer "round" dance class for adult square dancers.

Lectures, films, and demonstrations dealing with various media of art will feature members of the El Camino and Long Beach State art faculties. In addition, art and craft classes for adults and special senior citizens workshops have been planned.

## Your Second Front Page

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## Ann Landers Says

### It's As Simple As (a) and (b)



Dear Ann Landers: My husband has a thing about placing long distance telephone calls. He just hates to do it. So I must take over his thankless chore.

If he would tell me who he wants to call and leave me alone, everything would be fine. But, no — he stands by the phone, makes motions with his eyes and his hands, writes notes and shoves them in my face. When he begins to pull at my arm and shout instructions at me, I get mad. The long distance operators must think I'm a subnormal child.

Last night I told him I won't place any more calls for him unless he leaves me alone. He says he wouldn't yell at me if I did it right. We've had so many arguments over this that I'm turning to you in desperation. Please help — DIAL 211.

Dear Dial: Ask your husband to write down (a) the name of the person he wishes to reach and (b) whether he wants you to place a person-to-person call or a station call.

Ask him to wait in another room until you have the party on the line or word that the party cannot be reached. This should put an end to the problem.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a boy who is almost 14 years old and very worried about something. I have been the shortest kid in my class ever since I can remember. Mom keeps telling me I'll catch up and not to worry about it. But I am not catching up and some of the guys I hang around with are almost 6 feet tall.

Could smoking be the cause of me not growing? Please answer in your newspaper article. Thank you. — SAWED OFF RUNT.

Dear Sawed Off: Smoking does not stunt growth. (I heard the same old wives' tale when I was a teen-ager.) But it could cause other — and more serious — problems if you keep it up. Smoking over a long period of time can damage your blood vessels and give you real throat and lung trouble. Knock it off, Bub.

Dear Ann Landers: My mother and I had an argument last night. It all began when a fellow I grew up with asked me out. (We are the

same age, 17.) I dated him twice during spring vacation and decided not to date him any more because he is just like a brother.

My mother likes this guy a lot. When she heard me turn him down she became upset and asked why I would refuse to date such a wonderful fellow. When I told her I didn't get a charge out of him she looked at me like I was a scarlet woman or something.

I tried to explain that when a boy holds my hand or puts his arm around me I want to feel a certain little excitement. She said I was "disgusting." When I asked her how she could have married daddy if she didn't get a charge out of him, she gave me a lecture on my dirty mind.

I would like your opinion on this argument and your verdict. — J.W.

Dear J.W.: There is nothing disgusting or dirty about that "certain little feeling of excitement." It is as natural as hunger or thirst. It is one of the basic human drives that keeps the earth populated.

I do think, however, that a girl who would refuse to date a fellow because he doesn't turn her on, makes a big mistake. The most enduring kind of love doesn't make you go boinnnnnnng the minute your eyes meet his — like it says in the songs.

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## Registration for Adult Sessions Begins Friday

Registration for the six-week evening summer school session at Gardena Adult School, 1301 W. 182nd St., will begin Friday, states Ralph W. Selk, principal.

The Adult Office will be open for registration weekdays from 1 to 10 p.m. from Friday until classes begin Tuesday, July 5. Summer school classes will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. July 5 through Aug. 11.

Academic classes offered are: advanced grammar and composition; English review; contemporary American prob-

lems; Japanese; basic mathematics; and power (speed) reading.

Business classes will be: business machines; real estate law; and electric and manual typewriting. Radio and TV servicing will also be offered. Classes in English as a second language will be offered for the person who speaks no English and also for the more advanced student.

Counselors are available in the evenings to advise students regarding the obtaining of high school diplomas or elementary school diplomas.